

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Bozman Government Center Room 311

Attendees:

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Eric Gordon, Chief Plans Analysis & Integration Office

Dan Donahue, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 139

Frank O'Leary, USS Arlington Community Alliance

Kevin Reardon, USS Arlington Community Alliance

J. Michael Griffin, Schools Subcommittee Lead, Arlington Partnership Children, Youth, and Family

Richard Lane, Veterans Law Project, Legal Services of Northern Virginia

Jay E. Kalner, President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227

Quincy White, Homeless Service Program Directory, Arlington County Department of Human Services

Chona Acker, Arlington County Police Department

Sub-Committee Reports

• **USS Arlington**

- no update from county regarding model at county building. Working with Jeremy Jenkins who is the Project Manager. Waiting on drawings of renovations.
- Kathy Hicks who is an Arlington Historian Society was able to raise \$8K and is donating towards 9/11 related display. Organization is willing to purchase and work with model. It will take 1-1.5 years to be made so must be ordered soon.
- Will be in Norfolk on October 18th to present former Captain Marzano proclamation from the State Legislature by Delegate Patrick Hope for his service as captain of the USS Arlington and for his work with the Arlington Community. He will also be presented with proclamation from the County Board by Frank O'Leary for his service and work with the community.

• **APS**

- changes in schools – requires government ID to be able to pick up child
- schools going paperless – no paper report cards. Only provided by request. Will provide interim report at 4-5 week as to how student is doing but only for middle and high school students only. No elementary school interim reports
- Bus pick up/drop off is large issue through entire county
- Ongoing recruitment for superintendent
- State will develop mental health curriculum for 9th graders and above
- PTA meeting at Yorktown HS/Wakefield.
 - Funding for school who qualify. Issue is the “label attached” for those who apply.

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- Impact Funds – available
- **Programs and Events**
 - **Harvest for Hope** – Quincy White – Thursday, October 24th 11AM – 1PM
 - **Vietnam Veterans of America** – Jay Kalner
 - High School Seniors – voluntary services 120-150 hours – giving monetary scholarship – must be able to write essay on How To Benefit Veterans
 - Mentoring for Veterans
 - **Army Ten Miler** – October 11th
 - **Proposed changes to Health Education Standards of Learning (SOLs)** – J. Michael Griffin
 - Instrumental in writing documentation on Revisions to Virginia’s Health SOLs.
 - **National Drug Court Institute** – Richard Lane – Free Treatment Court Implementation Training. Application deadline: November 1st
 - Need to determine how many veterans are in the system
 - **American Legion** will be closing doors December 31st

Organizational Updates

- **JBMHH**
 - MOA – meeting with liaison at end of November
 - 10-year anniversary was celebrated on October 1st
 - VDOT signs – 4 signs deemed a priority. No changes as of yet
 - Proclamation an annual basis celebrated in April
 - Various events upcoming:
 - Hire Vets Now – October 17th
 - Marine Corps Birthday Luncheon – November 7th
 - Joint Career Fair – November 14th
 - DHS Veterans Hiring/Job Fair – December 4th

Old Business

- **Community Outreach** – still trying to get in touch with Columbia Pike Revitalization
- **WWI Plaque – Pittsburgh** – Five additional names have been added to the plaque. One name correction was also made.

County Comments